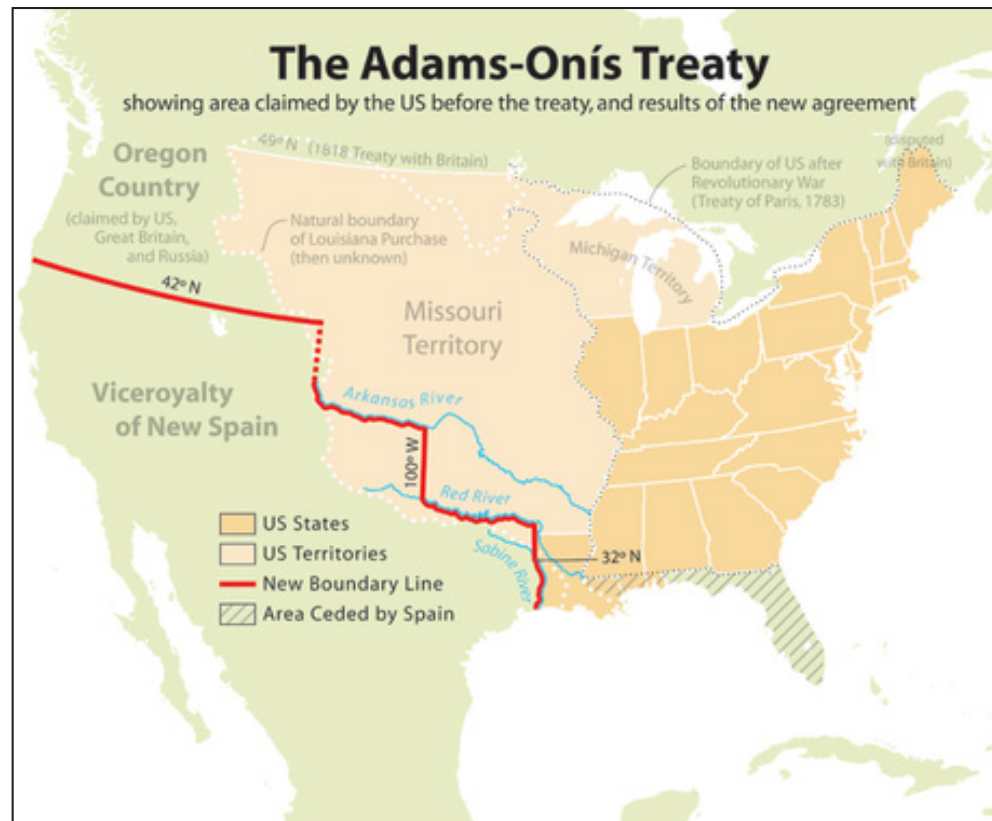


Aimed at the Heart of America: Analysis of the Adams-Onís Treaty



1. Refer to the map of the Adams-Onís Treaty.

a. Trace (with a pencil or ink) the outline of the Area Ceded by Spain. What does the shape of this area resemble? What would the peninsula be? What would East Florida represent?

b. Correlate the shape of this region with the direction it is pointing. Spanish East and West Florida was aimed at the heart of America, indicating that it had significant implications. At what geographic feature was it specifically aimed? Why might this geographic feature be considered the “heart” of America? Explain the ECONOMIC implications of this location.

2. Refer to the Adams-Onís Treaty.

a. Who are the negotiators as appointed by the President of the United States and His Catholic Majesty of Spain?

b. Carefully read Articles 2 and 3. Identify the specific areas of land and boundaries as described and locate them on the Adams-Onís map.

c. What rights are guaranteed by Articles 5 and 6?

3. The Adams-Onís Treaty is not the most famous of all treaties signed by the United States. Make the case that the treaty was a major real estate deal for the United States and should receive more attention.

4. It is said by some that the United States paid \$5 million for this newly ceded territory. This is incorrect. Explain the actual purpose of the payment.

5. The Adams-Onís Treaty is also called the Transcontinental Treaty of 1819. Why is this an appropriate name as well?

6. Explain how the Adams-Onís Treaty contributed to nationalism in the United States.